

(c) No person shall have more than one license.

(d) A license will be issued to any applicant, except as provided in §§ 2.10 and 2.11, when the applicant:

(1) Has met the requirements of this section and of §§ 2.2 and 2.3; and

(2) Has paid the application fee of \$10 and the annual license fee indicated in § 2.6 to the AC Regional Director and the payment has cleared normal banking procedures.

(e)(1) On or before the expiration date of the license, a licensee who wishes a renewal shall submit to the AC Regional Director a completed application form and the application fee of \$10, plus the annual license fee indicated in § 2.6 by certified check, cashier's check, personal check, or money order. A voluntary licensee who wishes a renewal shall also submit the \$10 application fee plus an annual license fee. An applicant whose check is returned by the bank will be charged a fee of \$15 for each returned check. One returned check will be deemed nonpayment of fees and will result in denial of license. Payment of fees must then be made by certified check, cashier's check, or money order. An applicant will not be licensed until his or her payment has cleared normal banking procedures.

(2) The \$10 application fee must also be paid if an applicant is applying for a changed class of license. The applicant may pay such fees by certified check, cashier's check, personal check, or money order. An applicant whose check is returned by a bank will be charged a fee of \$15 for each returned check and will be required to pay all subsequent fees by certified check, money order, or cashier's check. A license will not be issued until payment has cleared normal banking procedures.

(f) The failure of any person to comply with any provision of the Act, or any of the provisions of the regulations or standards in this subchapter, shall constitute grounds for denial of a license; or for its suspension or revocation by the Secretary, as provided in the Act.

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§ 2.2 Acknowledgement of regulations and standards.

(a) *Application for initial license.* APHIS will supply a copy of the applicable regulations and standards to the applicant with each request for a license application. The applicant shall acknowledge receipt of the regulations and standards and agree to comply with them by signing the application form before a license will be issued.

(b) *Application for license renewal.* APHIS will supply a copy of the applicable regulations and standards to the applicant for license renewal with each request for a license renewal. Before a license will be renewed, the applicant for license renewal shall acknowledge receipt of the regulations and standards and shall certify by signing the applications form that, to the best of the applicant's knowledge and belief, he or she is in compliance with the regulations and standards and agrees to continue to comply with the regulations and standards.

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§ 2.3 Demonstration of compliance with standards and regulations.

(a) Each applicant must demonstrate that his or her premises and any animals, facilities, vehicles, equipment, or other premises used or intended for use in the business comply with the regulations and standards set forth in parts 2 and 3 of this subchapter. Each applicant for an initial license or license renewal must make his or her animals, premises, facilities, vehicles, equipment, other premises, and records available for inspection during business hours and at other times mutually agreeable to the applicant and APHIS, to ascertain the applicant's compliance with the standards and regulations.

(b) In the case of an application for an initial license, the applicant must demonstrate compliance with the regulations and standards, as required in paragraph (a) of this section, before APHIS will issue a license. If the applicant's animals, premises, facilities, vehicles, equipment, other premises, or records do not meet the requirements of this subchapter, APHIS will advise the applicant of existing deficiencies and the corrective measures that must

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be completed to come into compliance with the regulations and standards. The applicant will have two more chances to demonstrate his or her compliance with the regulations and standards through re-inspection by APHIS. If the applicant fails the third inspection he or she will forfeit the application fee and cannot re-apply for a license for a period of 6 months following the third inspection. Issuance of the license will be denied until the applicant demonstrates upon inspection that the animals, premises, facilities, vehicles, equipment, other premises and records are in compliance with all regulations and standards in this subchapter.

§ 2.4 Non-interference with APHIS officials.

A licensee or applicant for an initial license shall not interfere with, threaten, abuse (including verbally abuse), or harass any APHIS official in the course of carrying out his or her duties.

§ 2.5 Duration of license and termination of license.

(a) A license issued under this part shall be valid and effective unless:

(1) The license has been revoked or suspended pursuant to section 19 of the Act.

(2) The license is voluntarily terminated upon request of the licensee, in writing, to the AC Regional Director.

(3) The license has expired or been terminated under this part.

(4) The applicant has failed to pay the application fee and the annual license fee as required in §§ 2.1 and 2.6. There will be no refund of fees if a license is terminated prior to its expiration date.

(b) Any person who is licensed must file an application for a license renewal and an annual report form (APHIS Form 7003/VS Form 18-3) as required by § 2.7, and pay the required fees, on or before the expiration date of the present license or the license shall expire and automatically terminate on its anniversary date. The licensee will be notified by certified mail at least 60 days prior to the expiration date of the license. Failure to comply with the annual reporting requirements, or to pay the required license fees prior to the expiration date of the license, shall re-

sult in automatic termination of such license on the anniversary date of the license.

(c) Licensees must accept delivery of registered mail or certified mail notice and provide the AC Regional Director notice of their address in conformity with the requirements in § 2.1.

(d) Any person who seeks the reinstatement of a license that has been automatically terminated must follow the procedure applicable to new applicants for a license set forth in § 2.1.

(e) Licenses are issued to specific persons for specific premises and do not transfer upon change of ownership, nor are they valid at a different location.

(f) A license which is invalid under this part shall be surrendered to the AC Regional Director. If the license cannot be found, the licensee shall provide a written statement so stating to the AC Regional Director.

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§ 2.6 Annual license fees.

(a) In addition to the application fee of \$10 required to be paid upon the application for a license, license renewal, or changed class of license under § 2.1, each licensee shall submit to the AC Regional Director the annual license fee prescribed in this section. Paragraph (b) of this section indicates the method used to calculate the appropriate fee. The amount of the fee is determined from Table 1 or 2 in paragraph (c) of this section.

(b)(1) Class “A” license. The annual license renewal fee for a Class “A” dealer shall be based on 50 percent of the total gross amount, expressed in dollars, derived from the sale of animals to research facilities, dealers, exhibitors, retail pet stores, and persons for use as pets, directly or through an auction sale, by the dealer or applicant during his or her preceding business year (calendar or fiscal) in the case of a person who operated during such a year. If animals are leased, the lessor shall pay a fee based on 50 percent of any compensation received from the leased animals and the lessee shall pay a fee based upon the net compensation